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In re Application of:)
JAMES SAMSOONDAR)
Application No.: 10/042,258)
Filed: January 11, 2002)
For: SAMPLE TAB)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir: ✓

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, lines 22-29 as
shown below. A mark-up version showing the changes made thereto
is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

a "The sample tab as described herein may be used within
a spectrophotometer using standard methods as known in the art,
for example as disclosed in US 5,846,492, US 6,268,910, WO
98/39634 (all of which are incorporated herein by reference).
These references disclose the spectrophotometric analysis of a